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## Cong. Kind Fights for Clean Water

**Washington, DC** – Rep. Ron Kind (D-WI) joined a bipartisan majority in voting to pass three critical water quality bills that will provide funding to protect western Wisconsin families, preserve the environment, and build and improve our water quality infrastructure.

“Fighting to protect water quality promotes public health, creates jobs, and stimulates economic development,” Rep. Kind said. “I was proud to support these three water quality bills, which are critical steps in helping to guarantee clean water for all western Wisconsin families.”

The House passed the following bills on the House Floor this week on clean water:

- **H.R. 720, The Water Quality Financing Act.** The Clean Water State Revolving Fund is a vital program for state and local governments that addresses critical water infrastructure needs by helping pay for building and improving wastewater treatment facilities. Unfortunately, funding for the Clean Water Revolving Fund had been slashed by 34 percent over the last few years, and the President’s budget proposes cutting it again – nearly \$10.7 million from Wisconsin’s fund alone. This bill reverses that trend and provides a total of \$14 billion for the fund over the next four years.
- **H.R. 569, The Water Quality Investment Act.** There is an increasing problem in many local communities across the country that, after heavy rainfall, sewer systems overflow, often times due to aging sewer systems. This presents a major public health hazard. This bill provides \$1.8 billion in grants to local communities over the next five years to construct treatment works to deal with sewer overflows. It will aid cities and states that find building or improving sewer infrastructure financially impossible without help from the federal government.
- **H.R. 700, The Healthy Communities Water Supply Act.** This bill provides \$125 million for pilot projects to increase an area’s usable water supply – by encouraging innovation in water reclamation, reuse, and conservation. The bill will provide funding for new technologies, including ideas like aquifer storage and retrieval and membrane filtering technologies that have the potential to greatly increase our ability to use water more effectively and efficiently.